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SUBJECT: HARASSMENT OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL

1. AT 1425 HOURS ON APRIL 7, CONSULAR OFFICER ALYNN NATHANSON WAS DETAINED AND HARASSED BY GROUP OF FOUR SOVIET MEN FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES IN SMALL PARK APPROXIMATELY 300 YARDS NORTH OF CHANCERY ON

CHAIKOVSKOGO ULITSA. AS NATHANSON CROSSED STREET TO PARK SHE WAS APPROACHED BY SOVIET WHO ASKED IF SHE AMERICAN. HE THEN WAS JOINED BY THREE OTHER SOVIETS.

2. NATHANSON WAS SURROUNDED AND LIGHTLY JOSTLED BY GROUP WHO COMPLAINED ABOUT SHOOTING INCIDENTS AND HARASSMENT OF SOVIETS IN NEW YORK. WHEN NATHANSON ASKED THAT THEY LEAVE HER ALONE THEY SUGGESTED THAT THEY SHOULD GO WITH HER FOR HER PROTECTION IN CASE SOMEONE SHOULD SHOOT AT HER, DAMAGE HER CAR OR BREAK HER LEG. AT THAT POINT, NATHANSON APPROACHED NEARBY MILITIAMAN AND REQUESTED THAT HE TELL GROUP GO LEAVE HER ALONE.

AFTER EXAMINING NATHANSON'S DIPLOMATIC IDENTIFICATION CARD HE REMARKED THAT THE MEN, WHO WERE CONTINUING VERBAL ASSAULT

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IN PRESENCE OF MILITAMAN, COULD NOT LEGALLY BE RESTRICTED

FROM GOING WHERE THEY PLEASED. MILITIAMAN REFUSED REQUEST OF NATHANSON TO FURNISH NAME. THE SOVIETS FOLLOWED NATHANSON APPROXIMATELY 100 YARDS TO THE BLOCK IN WHICH CHANCERY LOCATED WHERE SURVEILLANCE WAS DISCONTINUED.

3. ONE THREATENING PHONE CALL AND CLOSE HARASSING VEHICULAR SURVEILLANCE OF THREE EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN REPORTED DURING PAST 24 HOURS.

4. WE INTEND TO PRESENT MFA WITH FOLLOW-UP NOTE ON THESE INCIDENTS APRIL 8, UNLESS DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES OBJECTION. STOESSEL

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